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GOVERNOR BILL CLINTON
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DEAR GOVERNOR CLINTON:

I AM WRITING TO ASK YOUR POSITION ON THE INDONESIAN OCCUPATION OF EAST TIMOR. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT CONCERNS ME DEEPLY AS A PORTUGUESE-AMERICAN.

AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, INDONESIA INVADED TIMOR IN 1975, JUST AS EAST TIMOR WAS GAINING ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM PORTUGAL. INDONESIA'S BRUTAL OCCUPATION CONTINUES TO THIS DAY; UP TO 200,000 EAST TIMORESE HAVE BEEN KILLED AS A RESULT. THE PEOPLE LIVE IN TERROR. THEY CRY OUT FOR HELP AND NO ONE LISTENS. THEY WANT FREEDOM AND SELF DETERMINATION.

YET OUR GOVERNMENT GIVES MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN AID TO INDONESIA EACH YEAR. THE BUSH ADMINISTRATIO REFUSES TO CONDEMN THE INDONGSIAN OCCUPATION OF EAST TIMOR, EVEN THOUGH IT OCCASIONALLY EXPRESSES DISPLEASUR OVER SOME OF THE EXCESSES OF THAT OCCUPATION.

I AM LOOKING FOR A PRESIDENT WHO WILL CUT OFF ALL U.S. AID TO INDONESIA UNTIL IT ENDS ITS OCCUPATION OF EAST TIMOR. THIS IS SOMETHING WE HAVE JUST DONE ON BEHALF OF PERUVIAN DEMOCRACY. EAST TIMORESE LIVES ARE NO LESS IMPORTANT.

IN ALL THAT I HAVE READ ABOUT YOU, I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND A REFERENCE TO YOUR POSITION ON EAST TIMOR. PLEAS LET ME KNOW WHERE YOU STAND

SINCERELY

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